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1. (Amended) An audio system having various kinds of capabilities of processing an audio signal with visual indication of the capabilities by labels, the audio system comprising:

a main section that provides the capabilities of processing the audio signal;  
an editing section external to the main section that is operated to edit display data representative of a label corresponding to a capability provided by the main section and to output the data representative of the label corresponding to the capability;  
a storage section that stores the edited display data; and  
a display section that displays the label according to the edited display data stored in the storage section so that the displayed label can be customized in association with the corresponding capability.

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2. (Amended) An audio system having various kinds of capabilities of processing an audio signal with visual indication of the capabilities by labels, the audio system comprising:

a main section that provides the capabilities of processing the audio signal;  
a first storage section that provisionally stores display data representative of labels corresponding to the capabilities provided by the main section;  
an editing section external to the main section that is operated to edit the display data so that the labels can be customized in association with the corresponding capabilities and to output the edited display data;  
a second storage section that stores the edited display data; and  
a display section that can display the labels according to the display data stored in either the first storage section or the second storage section.

3. (Amended) An audio system having a plurality of capabilities of processing an audio signal with visual indication of the capabilities by labels, the audio system comprising:

a main section that selectively provides the capabilities of processing the audio signal;

a first storage section that provisionally stores display data representative of labels corresponding to the capabilities;

an editing section external to the main section that is operated to edit the display data so that the labels can be customized in association with the capabilities and to output the edited display data;

a second storage section that stores the edited display data;

a selecting section that selects one of the capabilities; and

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a display section that displays a label corresponding to the selected one of the capabilities according to the display data stored in either the first storage section or the second storage section.

4. (Amended) An audio system capable of processing an audio signal inputted from different types of signal sources with visual indication of the signal sources by labels, the audio system comprising:

a first storage section that provisionally stores display data representative of labels corresponding to the signal sources;

an editing section that is operated to edit the display data so that the labels can be customized in association with the different types of the signal sources;

a second storage section that stores the edited display data;

a selecting section that selects one type of the different types of the signal sources to input the audio signal; and

a display section that displays a label corresponding to the selected one type of the signal sources according to the display data stored in either the first storage section or the second storage section, wherein the editing section is external to the selecting section and the display section.

5. (Amended) An audio system capable of applying different modes of sound effects to an audio signal with visual indication of the sound effects by labels, the audio system comprising:

a first storage section that provisionally stores display data representative of labels corresponding to the modes of the sound effects;


an editing section that is operated to edit the display data so that the labels can be customized in association with the modes of the sound effects;

a second storage section that stores the edited display data;

a selecting section that selects one mode of the modes of the sound effects to process the audio signal; and

a display section that displays a label corresponding to the selected one mode of the modes of the sound effects according to the display data stored in either the first storage section or the second storage section, wherein the editing section is external to the selecting section and the display section.

6. (Amended) An audio system capable of presetting different groups of radio stations for enabling a tuner to receive an audio signal from a radio station of a preset group with visual indication of the group by a label, the audio system comprising:

 a first storage section that provisionally stores display data representative of labels corresponding to the groups of the radio station;

an editing section that is operated to edit the display data so that the labels can be customized in association with the groups of the radio stations;

a second storage section that stores the edited display data;

a selecting section that selects one group of the groups of the radio stations to receive an audio signal from a radio station belonging to the selected one group; and

a display section that displays a label corresponding to the selected one group according to the display data stored in either the first storage section or the second storage section, wherein the editing section is external to the selecting section and the display section.

7. (Amended) A display method performed in an audio system having various kinds of capabilities of processing an audio signal, for providing visual indication of the capabilities by labels, the display method comprising the steps of:

editing display data at an editing section representative of a label corresponding to a capability provided by the audio system;

outputting the edited display data to a main section external to the editing section that provides the capabilities of processing the audio;

storing the edited display data in a storage; and

displaying the label according to the edited display data stored in the storage so that the displayed label can be customized in association with the corresponding capability.

8. (Amended) A display method performed in an audio system having various

kinds of capabilities of processing an audio signal, for visual indication of the capabilities by labels, the display method comprising the steps of:

provisionally storing display data in a first storage, the display data being representative of original ones of the labels corresponding to the capabilities provided by the audio system;

editing the display data in an editing section so that the labels can be customized in association with the corresponding capabilities;

outputting the edited display data to a main section external to the editing section that provides the capabilities of processing the audio;

storing the edited display data in a second storage; and

displaying the labels according to the display data stored in either the first storage or the second storage.

9. (Amended) The display method as claimed in claim 8, further comprising a step of selecting one of the capabilities provided by the audio system so that a label corresponding to the selected one of the capabilities is displayed by the display step.

10. (Amended) The display method as claimed in claim 9, performed in the audio system having capabilities of inputting an audio signal from different types of signal sources, wherein the step of provisionally storing stores display data representative of labels corresponding to the different types of the signal sources, and the step of selecting selects one type of the different types of the signal sources to input the audio signal so that a label corresponding to the selected one type of the different types of the signal sources is displayed according to the display data.

11. (Amended) The display method as claimed in claim 9, performed in the

audio system having capabilities of applying different modes of sound effects to an audio signal, wherein the step of provisionally storing stores display data representative of labels corresponding to the different modes of the sound effects, and the step of selecting selects one mode of the different modes of the sound effects to process the audio signal so that a label corresponding to the selected one mode of the different modes of the sound effects is displayed according to the display data.

12. (Amended) The display method as claimed in claim 9, performed in the audio system having capabilities of presetting different groups of radio stations for enabling a tuner to receive an audio signal from a radio station of a preset group, wherein the step of provisionally storing stores display data representative of labels corresponding to the different preset groups of the radio stations, and the step of selecting selects one group of the different preset groups of the radio stations to receive an audio signal from a radio station belonging to the selected one group so that the label corresponding to the selected one group is displayed according to the display data.

13. (Amended) A machine-readable medium for use in an audio system controllable by a personal computer and having various capabilities of processing an audio signal, the medium containing program instructions executable by the personal computer for causing the audio system to perform a process of providing visual indication of the capabilities by labels, wherein the process comprises the steps of:

editing display data, in an editing system, representative of a label corresponding to a capability provided by the audio system;

outputting the edited display data to a main section external to the editing section

that provides the capabilities of processing the audio;  
storing the edited display data in a storage; and  
displaying the label according to the edited display data stored in the storage so  
that the displayed label can be customized in association with the corresponding  
capability.

14. (Amended) A machine-readable medium for use in an audio system  
controllable by a personal computer and having various capabilities of processing an  
audio signal, the medium containing program instructions executable by the personal  
computer for causing the audio system to perform a process of providing visual  
indication of the capabilities by means of labels, wherein the process comprises the  
steps of:

accessing display data provisionally stored in a first storage, the display data  
being representative of original ones of the labels corresponding to the capabilities  
provided by the audio system;

editing the display data, in an editing section, so that the labels can be  
customized in association with the corresponding capabilities;

outputting the edited display data to a main section external to the editing section

that provides the capabilities of processing the audio;

storing the edited display data in a second storage; and

displaying the labels according to the display data stored in either the first  
storage or the second storage.

15. (Amended) The machine-readable medium as claimed in claim 14,  
wherein the process further comprises the step of selecting one of the capabilities

provided by the audio system so that the label corresponding to the selected capability is displayed.

16. (Amended) The machine-readable medium as claimed in claim 15, for use in the audio system having capabilities of inputting an audio signal from different types of signal sources, wherein the step of provisionally storing stores display data representative of labels corresponding to the different types of the signal sources, and the step of selecting selects one type of the different types of the signal sources to input the audio signal so that a label corresponding to the selected one type of the different types of the signal sources is displayed according to the display data.

17. (Amended) The machine-readable medium as claimed in claim 15, for use in the audio system having capabilities of applying different modes of sound effects to an audio signal, wherein the step of provisionally storing stores display data representative of labels corresponding to the different modes of the sound effects, and the step of selecting selects one mode of the different modes of the sound effects to process the audio signal so that a label corresponding to the selected one mode of the different modes of the sound effects is displayed according to the display data.

18. (Amended) The machine-readable medium as claimed in claim 15, for use in the audio system having capabilities of presetting different groups of radio stations for enabling a tuner of the audio system to receive an audio signal from a radio station belonging to a preset group, wherein the step of provisionally storing stores display data representative of labels corresponding to the different preset groups of the radio stations, and the step of selecting selects one group of the different preset groups of the radio stations to receive an audio signal from a radio station belonging to the



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selected one group so that a label corresponding to the selected one group is displayed according to the display data.

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19. (New) An audio apparatus having various kinds of capabilities of processing an audio signal with visual indication of the capabilities by labels, the audio apparatus comprising:

an operation control device to set and select the various kinds of capabilities of processing the audio signal with visual indication of the capabilities by labels;

an interface for connection with an external editing system to received edited display data from the external editing system.

a storage section that stores the edited display data; and

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a display section that displays the labels according to the edited display data stored in the storage section so that the displayed labels can be customized in association with the corresponding capability.

20. (New) The audio apparatus of claim 19, wherein the interface for connection with the external editing system operates in accordance with the Universal Serial Bus (USB) protocol.

21. (New) The audio apparatus of claim 19, wherein the interface for connection with the external editing system operates in accordance with network protocols or in accordance with wireless communication protocols.

22. (New) The audio apparatus of claim 19, further including an input selector to select one type of the capabilities of processing the audio signal.

23. (New) The audio apparatus of claim 19, further including an audio amplifier to amplify the audio signal and to sound the audio signal from a loudspeaker through a

speaker terminal.

24. (New) The audio apparatus of claim 19, further including an internal editing device to edit display data and to transfer the edited display data to the storage section.

25. (New) An audio apparatus of processing an audio signal inputted from different types of signal sources with visual indication of the different types of signal sources by labels, the audio apparatus comprising:

a first storage section that provisionally stores display data representative of labels corresponding to the signal sources;

an interface for connection with an external editing system to receive edited display data so that the labels can be customized in association with the types of signal sources;

a second storage section that stores the edited display data;

a selecting section that selects one type of the different types of the signal sources to input the audio signal; and

a display section that displays a label corresponding to the selected type of the different types of the signal sources according to the display data stored in either the first storage section or the second storage section.

26. (New) An audio system capable of applying different modes of sound effects to an audio signal with visual indication of the different modes of the sound effects by labels, the audio system comprising:

a first storage section that provisionally stores display data representative of labels corresponding to the different modes of the sound effects;

an interface for connection with an external editing system to receive edited

display data so that the labels can be customized in association with the different modes of the sound effects;

a second storage section that stores the edited display data;

a selecting section that selects one mode of the different modes of the sound effects to process the audio signal;

a display section that displays the label corresponding to the selected one mode of the different modes of the sound effects according to the display data stored in either the first storage section or the second storage section.

42 27. (New) An audio system capable of presetting different groups of radio stations for enabling a tuner to receive an audio signal from a radio station of a preset group with visual indication of the preset different groups by a label, the audio system comprising:

a first storage section that provisionally stores display data representative of the labels corresponding to the preset different groups of the radio station;

an interface to connect to an external editing section that is operated to edit the display data so that the labels can be customized in association with the preset different groups of the radio stations;

a second storage section that stores the edited display data;

a selecting section that selects one group of the preset different groups of the radio stations to receive an audio signal from a radio station belonging to the selected one group; and

a display section that displays the labels corresponding to the selected one group according to the display data stored in either the first storage section or the

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